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SAPD Officer Involved Shooting

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following:

On September 11, 2009 just after 9:00 am, Officer William Karman (2-1/2) year veteran of the department) was having breakfast with his family at the restaurant located at 327 E. Carson St. Officer Karman had just completed his overnight shift and was still in his SAPD uniform. Two suspects entered the bakery side of the location armed with handguns. Both suspects approached the cashier and attempted to commit a robbery of the business. A patron at the restaurant advised the off-duty officer that a robbery was occurring. As the officer was notified of the robbery, one of the suspects fired a round from his handgun. The officer returned fire discharging his duty weapon twice at the suspects while in the restaurant. Both suspects fled the restaurant/bakery on foot. Officer Karman gave chase by following the suspects out of the business. As Officer Karman chased the suspects west on Carson St., one of the suspects fired a second round at Officer Karman. Officer Karman then returned fire by shooting three rounds at the shooting suspect. It is unknown if the suspects were struck by Officer Karman's gunfire.

No patrons at the restaurant were injured by gunfire.

The shooting team is currently investigating the incident. As per department protocol, the officer will be placed on administrative duty.